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Sandy Hook tragedy fuels talk of campus security

Richard Chambers
Chronicle Correspondent

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Gun control. It is a topic that the nation has taken a closer look at and scrutinized in the wake of the Sandy Hook Elementary massacre in Connecticut where 20-year-old Adam Lanza fatally shot 20 children and six adults who worked in the school.

The effects of the tragedy have propelled discussions about gun laws to the forefront. PUC Chief of Police Anthony Martin affirmed his support for the current law prohibiting all types of firearms on campus. This is in contrast to the many nationwide voices calling for the right of citizens in good standing to bring their guns to campus.

Advocates of this right argue that good people should have firearms available, even on campus, to prevent violence such as mass school shootings, to which Martin said, "That is not a good idea."

Martin asserted that such intended protection could cause greater harm, because defenders may injure other students while trying to bring down an assailant.

He stated that the law reflects a belief that campuses are different from most other public places, in which Indiana allows private citizens to carry weapons. The distinction is partly because of the crowded environments and stressful triggers at universities.

"No guns. No swords. No knives. No daggers," Martin said. "Anything that could be considered a weapon is prohibited." He said exceptions are only made for necessities, such as knives in laboratories or student residential kitchens.

Ken Johnston, the Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services, said the university has offered no official complaint about this prohibition. He said the weapon ban was probably the better choice and that most members of the administration are likely supportive of it.

A recent annual campus safety survey found that only 70 percent of respondents feel safe at PUC. Martin said he continues working to improve the feelings of safety students have on campus.

"I freely admit we don't have enough police officers," Martin said.

To prevent instances of violence from arising, the university employs a behavior assessment team, on which Chief Martin also serves. Johnston said the team analyzes reports of dangerous or suspicious behaviors, and looks for consistent problems related to the same individual.

According to Martin, 80 percent of cases the team reacts to result in administrative decisions, sometimes including restraining orders. Only extreme cases result in a person's arrest or referral to a grand jury for possible indictment.

"Campus security cannot just be the job of Chief Martin or campus police," Johnston stated, emphasizing the importance of students' personal responsibility for security. Johnston encouraged students to stay informed about the safety advisories the university offers.

"The majority of people are probably not paying any attention," he said about the classroom postings of security precautions. He suggested that students review the safety list on the PUC website if they do not find the classroom lists convenient.

Martin offered these suggestions of how to remain safe on campus: Be aware of emergency telephones and how to use them. Call for police escorts when walking home from campus late at night. Make use of flashlights and cell phone cameras. Whistles can be highly effective.

Martin stated that he wants every student to know how to use the police page on the PUC website. It is linked on the home page under "Faculty and Staff" and then "Emergency Information." Martin encouraged every student to print and read the document "Your Campus, Your Safety," which is updated each year to reflect student concerns.

"Be aware of what's going on around you and share those things that you see, so others can take appropriate action," Johnston said.

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Multicultural Campus Council rolls out diversity training plan

Andrea Drac
Staff Writer

A new year brings changes to PUC, and this rings true with the Multicultural Campus Council, which is implementing a Diversity and Inclusivity Training Program for all PUC employees.

Multicultural Campus Council member and Career Services Director Shelly Robinson said the Multicultural Campus Council has been working on implementing a formal diversity and inclusion plan for a while now. Starting in late November, the senior leadership team approved the proposal and currently, the Training and Teaching Subcommittee is working on a few of the steps that are in the plan.

Robinson said the program was created to support the third goal in PUC's Strategic Plan: inclusivity.

"As a council, we have sponsored many programs and activities on campus related to diversity, inclusion and multiculturalism, but have been working to increase awareness about issues that could arise or be prevented by implementing a more systematic educational approach to continually improve our existing climate. As our campus community changes and becomes more diverse, so should our knowledge about how to be more inclusive and aware in the way we do things as faculty, staff and students."

Office of Equity and Diversity Director Linda Knox, who is also a member of the council, said the plan calls for immediate and long-term action.

"The training is designed to start with awareness, and over a period of years advance the ability to integrate inclusion and diversity of thought in our daily activities and decision making," Knox said.

There are seven core elements of the plan, and they will be implemented during the spring semester, Robinson said. The plan requires employees to complete an Online Diversity and Inclusion Awareness Program. Such training would involve initiating a request for proposals to identify subject matter experts and professional consultants to create and deliver on-campus instruction. The program also requires funding for the 2013-2014 fiscal year to retain trainers and programming.

On-campus training to be presented by professional trainers will be mandated for all employees beginning in fall 2013, and there will be collaboration with Purdue West Lafayette to share existing programs offered on their main campus.

The council will roll out the remaining core elements of the plan during the spring 2014 semester. Robinson said that in that time they will train on-campus trainers so they have long-term sustainability. She added that they will also introduce lecture series and related programming presented by local and campus experts.

Robinson said the Diversity and Inclusivity Training Program will be funded by the council, and that approximately 1000-1500 employees, including student employees, would require training. However, it has not been determined if students and temporary employees will be included in the requirement or if it will become an extra module in the Student Employment Training program, Get SET.

"Since the project has been approved, we are now working on many of the initial steps," Robinson said. "This plan reinforces our commitment to the Purdue Calumet community. As always, we will still be very open to partnerships and programming that reinforces the council's mission."

New Year's calls for age-old tradition

Students resolve to improve in 2013

Kali Porzel
Staff Writer

The start of a new year often calls for new beginnings for individuals who want to fix different areas in their lives, or just start over altogether. In doing so, it is common for people to make New Year's Resolutions, which may be as simple as eating healthy food more often or a tad more complex such as getting out of debt. No matter what form a resolution takes, it is still a commitment that someone is making to improve their life in some way.

New Year's resolutions have been around since the time of the ancient Babylonians. They would pray to their gods and commit to paying off debt and to returning borrowed items at the beginning of their new year in March. Romans would make promises to Janus, the god of beginnings. When the Roman calendar was reorganized, January, the month named in honor of Janus, began the new year.

Though the way New Year's Resolutions are made has changed, the concept behind them has not.

People do not necessarily make promises to long-forgotten gods, but they do make promises to themselves or others in order to improve their lives. These commitments are common around the New Year because it symbolizes a new beginning and a chance to start over with some part of life.

A few common New Year's Resolutions include improving one's health, getting out of debt, improving one's education or quitting smoking. All around the world, New Year's Resolutions have been made and put into action.

A few students at PUC shared what their New Year's resolutions were and why they chose them.

Senior Human Resource Management major Samuel Boynes placed the emphasis of his resolution on reaching out to others.

"My New Year's Resolution is to have more spiritual conversations with non-Christians and invite them to learn about Jesus. I think I lost focus and put my grades before people and relationships, so this semester I am going to put people and relationships first and academics second. Building relationships with people now is more important to me than getting good grades now since relationships last an eternity."

Another popular resolution among students, including sophomore Mechanical Engineering

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ADMINISTRATIVE update

Winter weather & decisions to close campus

Occasionally, in the interest of personal safety, it is necessary to suspend classes and/or close the campus and Academic Learning Center due to adverse weather conditions or other sudden, unusual or unexpected circumstances.

The decision to alter normal campus operations means either of the following is in effect:

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What's Going On?
A look around PUC...

School of EMS Day at the Peregrines Basketball Game on Wednesday, January 16 @ 4:30 p.m.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR HOLIDAY – NO CLASSES ON MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2013

Purdue University Calumet celebrates the life, legacy and determination of Martin Luther King Jr. to achieve social justice for all people through non-violence in a series of events scheduled on campus, Jan. 28 through Feb. 1. A mayoral roundtable, an exhibit and the traditional Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation comprise the celebration, the theme of which is Yesterday's Dream, Today's Reality IV: Thrust into Greatness—Shared Responsibility for Peace, Reconciliation, Healing and Transformation.

Monday, Jan. 28 – 11 a.m., Student Union & Library, 3rd floor.
A Mayoral Roundtable on Peace, Reconciliatory Healing and Transformation featured participation by mayors from East Chicago, Crown Point, Gary, Hammond, Hobart, Lake Station and Portage. They plan to discuss ways in which they have worked to promote peace, reconciliation and healing that foster transformation leading to lasting peace. Lake Shore Public Television will record the roundtable for later broadcast.

Monday, Jan. 28 – 12:30 p.m., Student Union & Library, International Concourse East
The exhibit, "Creating a Culture of Peace for the Children of the World," formally opens. The exhibit, on loan from the Soka Gakkai International-USA, brings together the ideas of thousands of people and organizations dedicated to finding a path to lasting peace. The exhibit will be on display through Feb. 1.

Thursday, Jan. 31 – 11 a.m., Student Union & Library, 3rd floor
A Convocation, titled "Difficult Days . . . The Promise of Renewal of Hope" and based on King's "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech, featured music, oratory, dance and drama.

Admission is free to all activities, which are sponsored by Purdue Calumet's Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Celebration Planning Committee in conjunction with the Multi-Cultural Campus Council. Other information is available by contacting Purdue Calumet Assistant Vice Chancellor for Educational Opportunity Programs Roy Hamilton at 219/989-2779 or 800/HI-PURDUE, ext. 2779, or e-mailing him.

Anyone interested in publicizing events, organizations, clubs or departments in "What's Going On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

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Unable to forget

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The human brain is an awe-inspiring accomplishment of evolution. No longer slaves to their reptilian brain, humans bettered themselves to the point of mapping the entirety of the planet, exploring the vast expanses of the universe, and beginning to look inward to understand the complex workings of the human mind. Always hungry for knowledge, humans have literally created the tools they need to understand the world around them. To impose order on chaos, humans invented the sciences. To pass on their knowledge and ideas to others, humans invented language. To ensure the knowledge would not be lost once the seeker dies, humans invented written language, the printing press, libraries, and ever-more complicated forms of storage. Humans have fought tooth and nail for millennia to learn, test, and maintain knowledge, but sometimes knowledge should be forgotten.

On a personal level, people forget plenty. What was the name of the classmate you were paired with during discussion on the second day of class? Such a thing is easily forgotten. What if I were to ask you the name of your first love, the make of your first car, or the path you take to work every day? Many of you reading this would be able to answer all four of those questions without hesitation, and without actively forcing yourself to remember them day in and day out.

With that said, plenty of us actively try to forget bad events, and oftentimes it is beneficial to forget those events. In a tournament, a chess player may take a half-point bye in round four after a devastating loss in round three. After a rough breakup it may be wise to avoid seeing someone until the emotional turmoil from the breakup is settled. Most people have no problem forgetting the pain of painful experiences in given time. I am not so lucky.

For most of the extreme examples in my life I still experience the pain when I think of it. I can remember every sensation I felt when I had to break up with my fiancé. Other taxing events in my life have come to the same front of me being unable to forget them, and recently I experienced another.

Trying to forget the event is proving... difficult. It having happened so recently combined with my, in this case, unwanted tendency to vividly recall events has left me in a such a state of turmoil I have found it hard to function some days.

Perhaps after reading this you could give me some advice on how to cope with it, or perhaps you are another person who is unable to forget. Perhaps you need my advice, but at this point all I could give you the stereotypical advice of staying busy. Whatever the case may be, let me know and maybe we can help each other out.

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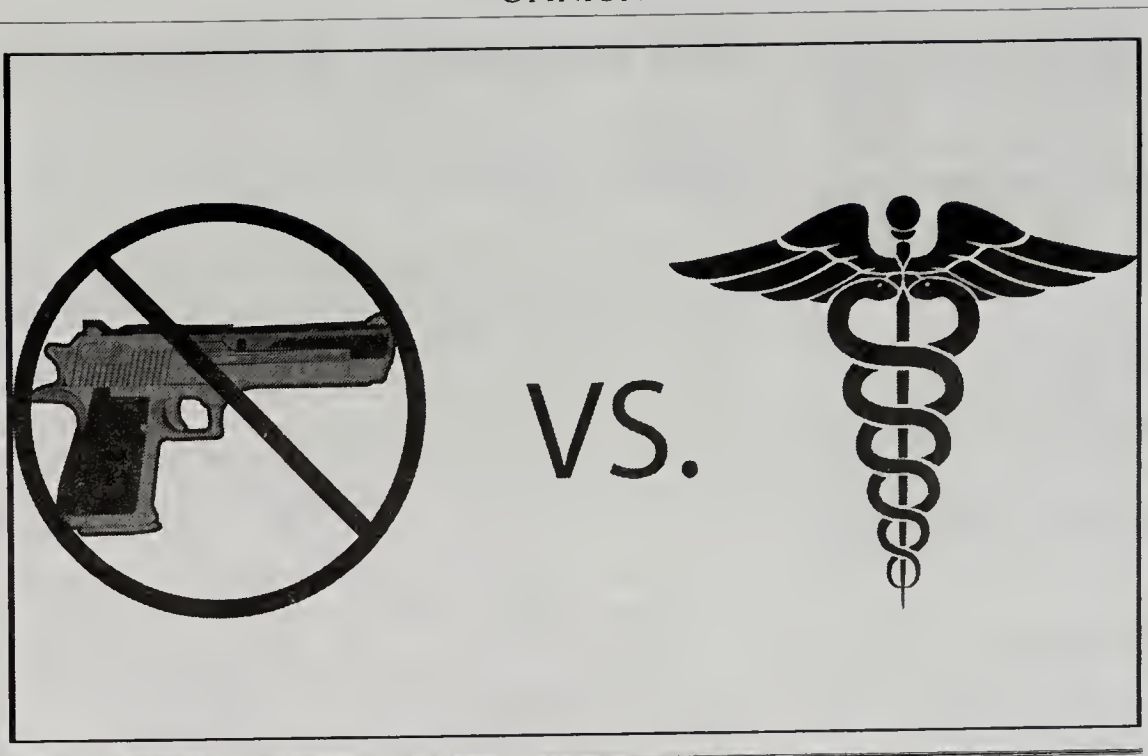

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Same talking points, same results: the heated debate on Gun Control

The issue: In the wake of the Sandy Hook shooting, gun control advocates call for stricter laws while the National Rifle Association has called for national mental-illness registries.
Our stance: Such complex topics cannot be solved with *one* solution.

Sandy Hook Elementary School became the site of a depressing massacre on Dec. 14, 2012. Adam Lanza shot and killed 20 children and six adults with a gun he obtained from his mother's home in what has become a sort of turning point in the ongoing debate about gun control.

According to all reports, Lanza's mother owned her Bushmaster XM-15 legally, and so advocates for stricter gun control are using that as the jumping point for their arguments. Lanza himself has been reported to have been "slightly autistic" or to have been diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome, which lies on the autism spectrum disorder, and so the NRA held a press conference calling for a national registry for the mentally ill.

Wayne LaPierre, chief executive of the National Rifle Association, asked during a press conference, "How many more copycats are waiting in the wings for their moment of fame from a national media machine that rewards them with wall-to-wall attention and a sense of identity that they crave, while provoking others to try to make their mark. A dozen more killers, a hundred more? How can we possibly even guess how many, given our nation's refusal to create an active national database of the mentally ill?"

LaPierre's callous claim that placing a scarlet letter on the chests of every person with a mental disability is the correct path to stem gun deaths is dangerous, but not entirely untrue. 38 states currently have laws in the books dealing with the sale of firearms to those with potentially dangerous mental disorders. Virginia Tech shooter, Seung-Hui Cho, was, under federal law, banned from purchasing a firearm after he had been declared a danger to himself by a Virginia judge.

On the other side, legally-obtained assault rifles with extended magazines have made killing the most people in the least amount of time with the least amount of reloads extremely easy. In a lot of states, Indiana included, anyone with a state-issued I.D. can walk into a gun store and purchase a gun. After passing a background check and other verifications, any Johnny Everyguy or Susie Everygirl can own a gun. No training, no limitations, nothing.

LaPierre is right, this nation needs more extensive mental health measures, but those should include screening, treatment, and registry. Far too many treatable mental disorders and illnesses fall through the cracks of our subpar mental health system.

Gun control advocates are also right, it's far too easy to buy a device which was built with only one purpose: efficiently incapacitating its target. Not only is it too easy to buy one, but there's no regulation beyond that. Once a gun is owned the responsibility is on the owner to understand how to use it.

The U.S. Government requires its citizens to learn to operate a vehicle and to keep up with that knowledge as long as they wish to operate it. After a driver's license expires the driver is expected to go to the government office and regain certification. Why then is there no such regulation for a much deadlier machine?

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Procrastination is a syndrome

Bill Koester
Sports Editor

Yes, you read that right. No, I'm not exaggerating.

And no, I'm not a doctor or psychologist who can officially diagnose any behavioral disorders. In spite of this little technicality, I stand by the title of this piece as the truth. Believe me, I found this out the hard way.

Throughout much of my educational career, going all the way back to grade school, I jokingly lived by the saying "Procrastination is the best motivation." Whenever I had to do a paper, project or any other substantial undertaking with a deadline, I would hold off on most of the work until there was just enough time to finish the whole assignment in one sitting.

This led to some late nights, but it was never a big problem, as I almost always still did good work. Actually, it went a step or two further than that: it got to the point where my brain would do its best work when I was under the gun.

And later, and later and later...

I continued working this way through much of my time in college, and never really thought about changing my habits. In the past semester or so, however, I found that the time it took to get something done got closer and closer to when it was due. Only it hadn't really, and I was just procrastinating until later.

And later, and later and later...

Eventually, it got to the point where the deadline had arrived and my work wasn't done. Or started. Or even read off of the assignment sheet.

Worse yet, this habit seeped into even smaller tasks. We've all put off a big project that seems insurmountable when you first get it until cramming it all into the weekend before it's due, but if you chronically procrastinate, even little things like sending an important email or calling someone start seeming like a long and involved chore. Even though it will take such a small amount of time, you still put it off until the reason for performing the task in the first place is completely irrelevant.

I don't have a solution for this. Chronic procrastination is still a problem I face, and I'm in the middle of trying to get my life back together, though I keep putting it off.

But I can offer some advice for people who haven't sunken to my level yet: if you have to do something big, don't wait until the last minute. Pace yourself, because procrastination for big things can grow into procrastination for small things.

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POLICE BLOTTER

12.3.12 UVI; 11:20 a.m.

The smell of a burnt controlled substance was emitting from a suite.

Housing Authorities advised

12.4.12 GYTE; 5:29 p.m.

Someone removed a $5.00 statue from a locker.

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12.6.12 Garage; 2:54 p.m.

Subjects wallet fell away from his person and is missing.

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12.14.12 UVI ; 5:00 p.m.

Theft of an iPhone charger with suspects.

Open

12.20.12 SUL; 1:20 p.m.

Intoxicated male subject taken home.

Escorted home

12.20.12 Off Campus; 11:00 p.m.

Subject receiving hang up phone calls.

Dean of Students

12.20.12 Shops & Stores; 2:54 p.m.

Scrubber pad was stolen from underneath a floor scrubber.

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1.7.13 CLO; 12:46 p.m.

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PUC responds to Connecticut shootings

"All I knew was there was a shooting in Connecticut. No one knew how many people had died, or what exactly had transpired. So, initially, I was anxious, worried, and confused and came right home to look at the news."

-Olivia Radencic, senior elementary education major

"I must say that I think the TV news, especially, spent too much time in Newtown after the killings. Reporters couldn't seem to get enough interviews with children, asking them about their reactions."

-Michael Dobberstein, professor of English

"All the stories I heard of the teachers that took care of their students blew me away. Specifically, I read of a teacher that wanted her students to know they were loved if those were the last worlds they heard. That really got me."

-Kayla Kerner, senior business major

"Minds start to wander and if someone is really in need of mental help then they unfortunately resort to this. I also think that people ignore the warning signs."

-Steven La Buda, senior elementary education major

Resolution

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major Matt Meier, is that of time management.

New Year's resolutions are often criticized for the fact that many people toss aside or forget about their commitment weeks, or even days, after they make them. Meier said, however, that he believes there is a key to keeping on track with your New Year's resolution.

"I think people can stick to resolutions if they develop a plan to follow it. Without a plan, it would be easy to stop."

Joan Correa, an undecided freshmen at PUC, explained that she decided to set short term goals for her New Year's resolution. By focusing on shorter term goals, Correa said she would be able to dedicate more time and commitment to each goal.

"I do think that people can stick to their New Year's resolution, but it requires time, effort, and stamina," Correa said.

Arleen Guard, the secretary of the Biological Sciences Department expressed, "I prefer to call my resolutions "personal goals." By calling my resolutions personal goals, it helps me to look at them as something more permanent, which helps me look at them as something I don't want to break. My personal goal is to regain my ability to become active."

The commitment that comes with a resolution is often taxing on a person, so a few students shared how they think individuals can keep their resolutions intact.

"I think one way to stay committed to a resolution is to have accountability, for instance have a friend or family member keep you accountable by helping you set goals," Boynes said.

Michael Zimmer, an associate professor in the biological sciences department, said, "I think you simply need to have support from others for what you're doing. Peer pressure can be a powerful motivator."

Zimmer added that he does not feel limited to making resolutions only at the beginning of the year.

"You can just as easily institute changes in your life any time of the year," he said.

It seems that New Year's Resolutions are something that will never go out of style. People will always find something to commit to and to try and improve in their lives. All New Year's Resolutions are possible; it just takes willpower to do it.

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'Mormon' musical masterwork hits Windy City

Bill Koester
Sports Editor

"The Book of Mormon," the musical written by "South Park" creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone, won nine Tony Awards and has been all but sold out on Broadway since opening in March 2011. The Chicago production opened in December, and has met with similar demand.

All the hype is no empty promise. The play is the funniest piece of entertainment in any medium since the millennium began.

The play follows two young Mormon missionaries: the precocious, model Latter-day prodigy Elder Price (Nic Rouleau), and the nerdy ne'er-do-well Elder Cunningham (Ben Platt). After finishing missionary training, the two are sent to Uganda to spread the word of their church. Their wide-eyed optimism is soon dashed, however, as finding converts is no easy task in the face of extreme poverty, AIDS, and a reign of terror from a warlord with an R-rated name (David Aron Damane).

Stone and Parker's comedic style and screwy sensibilities are evident from the get-go, but the play is very much classic Broadway in its music and

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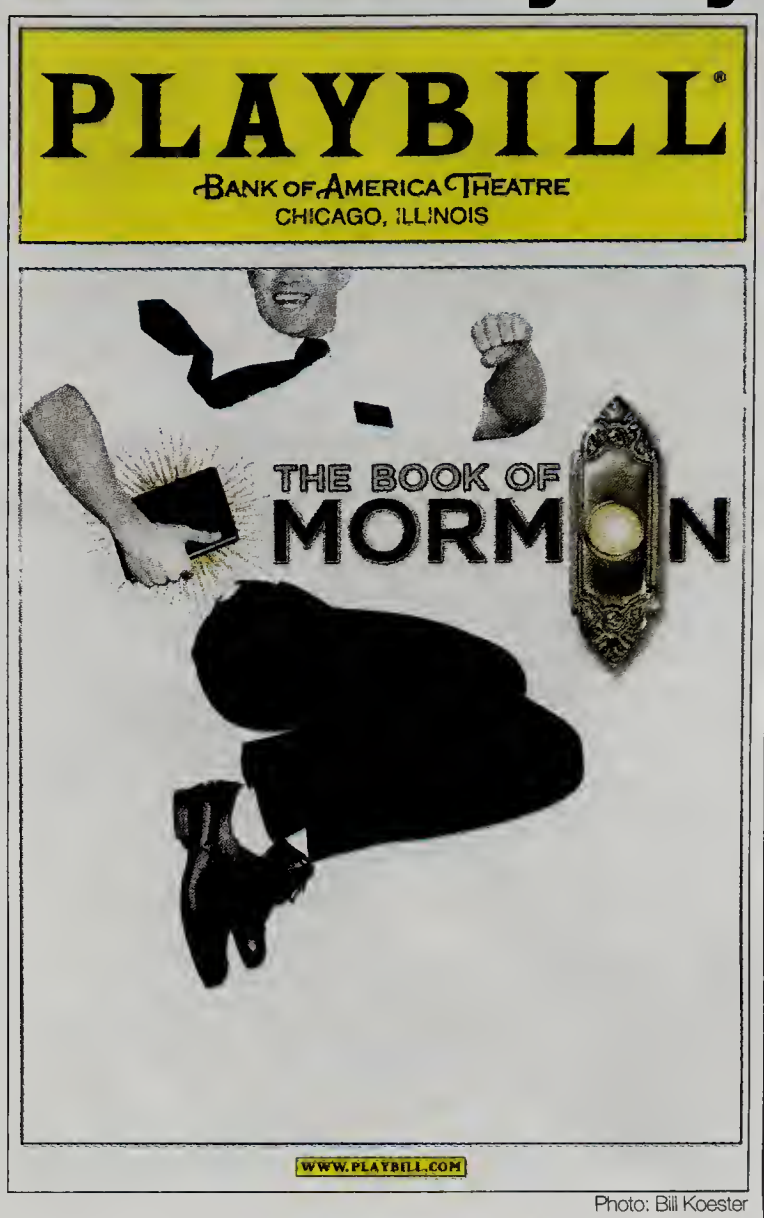

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Creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone effortlessly blends modern and Golden Age Broadway in 'The Book of Mormon.'

'Tre' is for triumphant

Jeff Scott
Staff Writer

Green Day reaches the end of its trilogy of albums with the release of "Tre!," the title of which is a pun based on the name of the bands drummer, Tre Cool, and the names of the previous albums in the series, "Uno!" and "Dos!"

The trilogy has been described by the band's publicity releases as representing three different parts of a party. "Uno!" is like what happens before the party begins, "Dos!" is the party itself, "Tre!" is the morning after. Even so, the music on "Tre!" is frequently upbeat, despite the dark themes of some of the songs. In many ways, the songs on the new album sound as though the writers were alternating between being regretful about past events, and being unrepentant about it all. It gives the album a rich complexity that shows Green Day still love performing cutting edge material, but with a mature and thoughtful approach.

The stunning album opener, "Brutal Love" bears more than just a passing resemblance to Sam Cooke's hit from the 1960s, "Bring it on Home to me." It is a carefully crafted blend of rock with soul and rhythm and blues, with some horns thrown into the mix, a welcome departure from the band's usual sound.

The band returns to full-on rock with "Missing You," about the heartbreak that follows when a relationship ends, and how hard it is to adjust to life without the ex-partner. "8th Avenue Serenade" most closely resembles one of the band's mid- 90s songs. With fast, intense guitars and a blistering drumming by Cool, this song has the potential to be a hit single.

Speaking of singles, the first one from this album is "X-Kid," which is about a friend of lead singer-guitarist Billie Joe Armstrong who committed suicide. Regret comes through in the lyrics, especially in the portions about dying of a broken heart, although the music still has a punk rock edge. "Drama Queen" opens with acoustic guitar before the band kicks in. Seemingly abstract lyrics are featured here, and are weirdly interesting, even if they do not seem to make sense. Life itself turning out to be less than what one expected is the theme of "Sex, Drugs and Violence," which draws parallels between one's younger and older selves. Growing up and not much wiser is also the subject of "Amanda," in which the song's narrator notes how he and the woman he loves have changed during the past 15 years, and how they do not seem to have much in common anymore.

On the surface, the six-minute epic "Dirty Rotten Bastards" seems to be just another drinking song, but closer examination of

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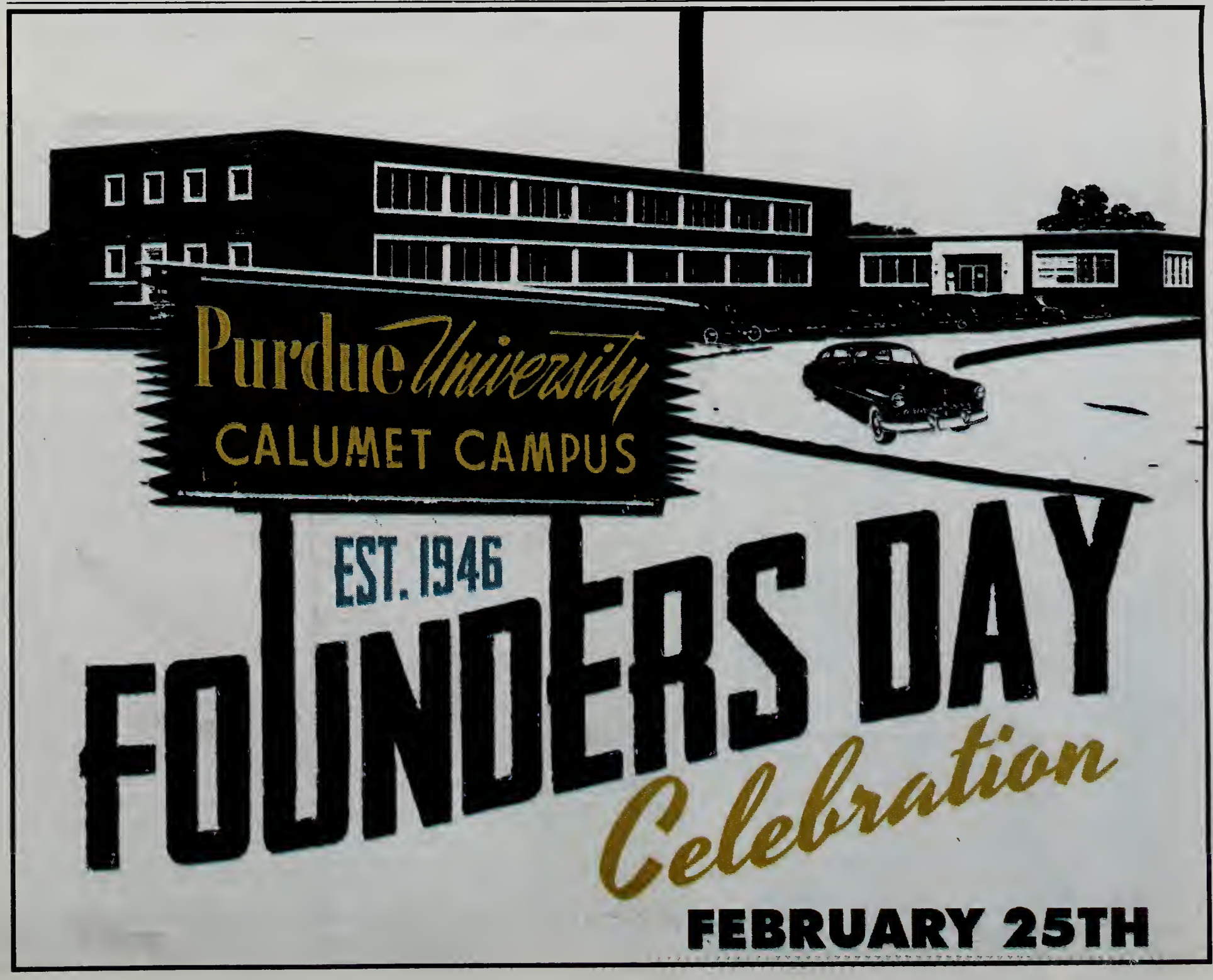

The silver-screen buzz

Michelle Mullins
Entertainment Editor

Tons of amazing or promising films are always lurking in the shadows of or are undoubtedly eclipsed by blockbuster films. The Buzz will strive to keep casual and avid movie goers up-to-date on movies flying underneath the radar. These will range from movies already out in theatres, to limited and future releases. In this informative feature, interesting facts and even quotes from the stars of the film will be included. This issue will include; "The Baytown Outlaws", "The Impossible" and "John Dies at the End."

"The Baytown Outlaws"
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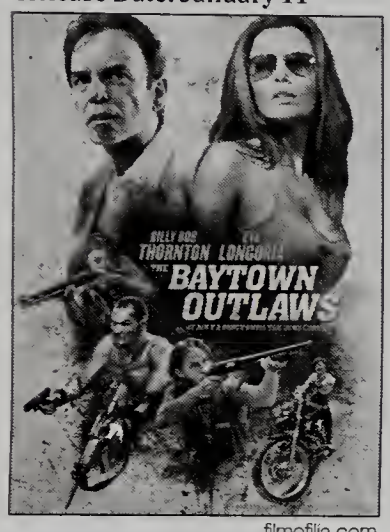

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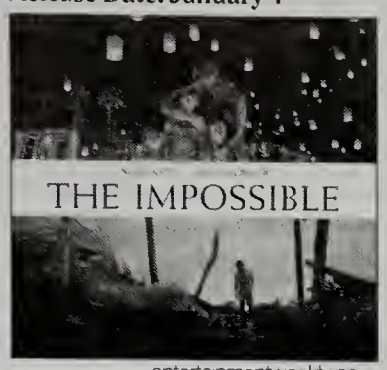
Do not go into "The Baytown Outlaws" with the hope of Oscar-winning performances from Eva Longoria and Billy Bob Thornton. Do go into this movie with hopes of an extremely fun ride filled with lots of surprise actors and actresses along the way. This film about a few country brothers who are off to rescue a woman's stolen son is far more entertaining than is seems. Just disregard the obvious stereotypical jokes that are bound to pop up more than once in this movie. But for the first feature-length film by director and writer Barry Battles, it does look quite impressive.

"The Impossible"
Release Date: January 4



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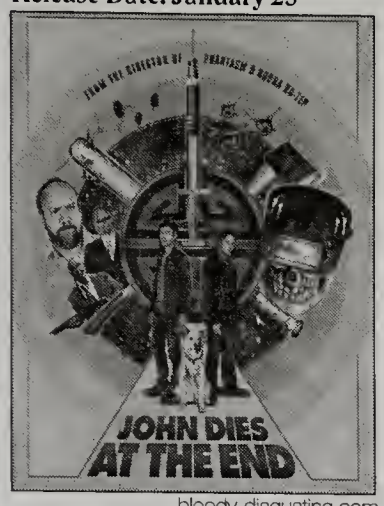
Having already won four awards and seven nominations for acting, this film is sure to get far more nominations and wins once more award shows such as, The Academy Awards and The British Academy of Film and Television Arts roll around. "The Impossible" is based on the true story of a family left scattered and hopeless after the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami. The heartbreaking realism that pours out of this movie is bound to leave wet eyes throughout the theatres. Naomi Watts and Ewan McGregor give out-of –this-world performances, as do their co-stars. In an interview with The Daily Beast, it was revealed that Watts studied the documentary "Tsunami: Caught on Camera," as well as befriended the woman she was playing in order to set up her role. "It's probably the most physically demanding thing I've ever done," says Watts.

"John Dies at the End"
Release Date: January 25



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Don Coscarelli, director of cult classics such as "Bubba Ho-Tep" and "Phantasm," might finally get his chance at the Hollywood spotlight with a film adaptation of "John Dies at the End". Never losing his wacky premises, this film is centered around two college dropouts, John and Dave, trying to stop a bizarre new street drug from destroying mankind. Paul Giamatti joins the ranks of newcoming film actors, Chase Williamson (Dave) and Rob Mayes (John). The film definitely has an off and comic-like vibe from the constant interesting dilemmas these two young adults are facing. Since it caught the eyes of Sundance, South by Southwest and the Toronto International Film Festival then it definitely is worth a shot. If waiting until January 25th is out of the question, Amazon has it streaming for a limited time only before it hits theatres.

Around the Region

Love and Lost: A New-ish Musical

When: January 17, 18, 19 @ 7:30 p.m.

Where: 3660 Grant Street, Gary

Cost: Free but donations are greatly appreciated
Want to support some lovely local talent, then stop by The Broadway Drama Society of Theatre Northwest.

Anna Vogelzang and Lou Shields

When: January 30, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Where: 146 North Broad Street, Griffith

Cost: $5 suggested donation
Want to listen to some folky tunes while sipping on a delicious cup of joe? Then stop by Grindhouse Cafe!

Open Stage Night

When: January 31, 8p.m.-11p.m.

Where: 936 Joliet Street, Dyer

Cost: Free
Call 219-865-3200 (if interested in playing)
Happening the last Thursday of every month is an open stage night at Jelly Pancake House. Musicians are wanted and anyone can attend.

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the words actually reveals something deeper. In reality, it is about how much harder it becomes to still be able to party and abandon life's responsibility as someone grows older. Lyrics such as "We're too old to be misbehaved/ we sold our souls/and so ashamed of ourselves" take on a different meaning when one considers Armstrong's recent stint in rehab. Armstrong also has a marvelous extended guitar solo here, which accents the song quite nicely.

Armstrong sings about the Occupy Movement in "99 Revolutions." Blistering guitars dramatically underscore the disillusionment that led to the people taking up the cause, as Armstrong ponders how the "working stiffs" of America have "become so obsolete."

The album closes with "The Forgotten," featuring Armstrong on piano. A change of pace for Green Day, this ballad seems to be sending a message of hope in a troubled world, ending the album beautifully.

On these three albums, Green Day gets back to the basics that made them famous, without sounding hopelessly stuck in the past. The band's long-postponed tour will resume with a show at Chicago's All State Arena on March 28. Later this year, there will also be a film, "Quatro!," a behind-the-scenes look at the making of the albums and tour.

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Billie Joe Armstrong (center), Mike Dirnt (right) and Tre Cool (left), who the album is named after, goofying off at the iHeartRadio Music Festival in Las Vegas.

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choreography. Despite the biting religious satire, it is a surprisingly very traditional musical, or as close to traditional as something containing a song cussing out the Almighty can be.

At least, that goes for the first act. Act Two sees the musical numbers become more elaborate, and Parker and Stone's tendency to not just push the envelope, but shred it and burn the scraps comes out on display. Things get so outrageous that it is pointless to be offended, for any moral outrage will be completely squelched by uncontrollable hysterics.

This is why the play succeeds on so many levels: It finds a winning mix of Golden Age Broadway and big modern Broadway shows like "The Producers." And, of course, it has the creative pop culture references, blunt, direct satire, and gleeful dirtiness that are uniquely Stone and Parker's.

All of this at once could have caused the whole thing to implode, but amazingly, it never does. Many plays reach their climactic peak in their first act and spend the second winding down to a conclusion. This one keeps shooting upward, always serving up another musical comedy gem until the very end. The best number, "Spooky Mormon Hell Dream," might be the greatest five minutes in the history of the Parker-Stone creative partnership.

Rouleau plays Price as one of those smug, always-smiling egotists everyone kind of hates because they are just a little too perfect, which makes his series of misfortunes funnier the worse they get. Even better is Platt, who gives to Cunningham, a role that could have been a simple stereotype, an everyman's appeal and loving depth. Both leads carry the comedic load perfectly in their characters' own way.

The best voice in the production, however, is former "American Idol" contestant Syesha Mercado, who plays the comically naive native girl Nabulungi. Even with lyrics meant to be humorous her voice is a thing of beauty, especially in her solos.

The only complaint is that it can sometimes be a little hard to hear the spoken dialogue or background singers when seated farther from the stage, though this could be more from the audience's laughter drowning it out than any fault of the production. Catching every single line calls for revisiting the soundtrack album, but that is not a bad thing because even without the accompanying choreography, the songs are very catchy and singable (in the correct company, that is).

'The Book of Mormon' plays at the Bank of America Theater through Sept. 8.

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However, the team was able to turn it around right before Christmas with an 82-64 victory over rival Purdue University-North Central. After that, the wins kept coming as the Peregrines trounced Indiana University-Northwest, Olivet Nazarene University, Roosevelt University and Trinity Christian College.

"Our guys are more committed to stopping teams on defense in addition to having changed our base offense to fit our team more," said Williams of his team's success.

Although the program has made several big changes this season, the most important factor in its achievements is the positive attitude and drive of the players.

"Everyone has bought into doing whatever it takes to achieve the ultimate goal of getting better," said Anderson. "Everyone is very focused."

The team has 10 more conference match-ups left in the regular season and will have to keep up the good work if they want to make it in the post-season.

Photo: Jessica Calhoun

Kedric Williams hoists a layup during a game against Trinity Chrisian on Jan. 8.

"We just need to keep improving as a team and work at getting these wins a day at a time," said Williams. "I feel like if we do that we will put ourselves in a great position to make a run in the conference tournament and on to the national tournament."

Photo: Jessica Calhoun

Leroy Cooper (34) dribbles down the court in a game against Trinity Christian on Jan. 8.

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"Today you see everybody diving for balls hit to the outfield," Perry said. "Willie would catch it still on his feet because he got such a good jump."

Perry made Cubs fans in attendance happy when he named Billy Williams among the toughest hitters he faced, as he surrendered nine homeruns to the North Side legend; more than to any other player. He also described the Friendly Confines as a tough place to pitch on a windy day.

"In Wrigley Field with the wind blowing out, you hoped you didn't pitch that day," he said.

Perry also described the famous coincidence connecting him to the Apollo 11 moon landing.

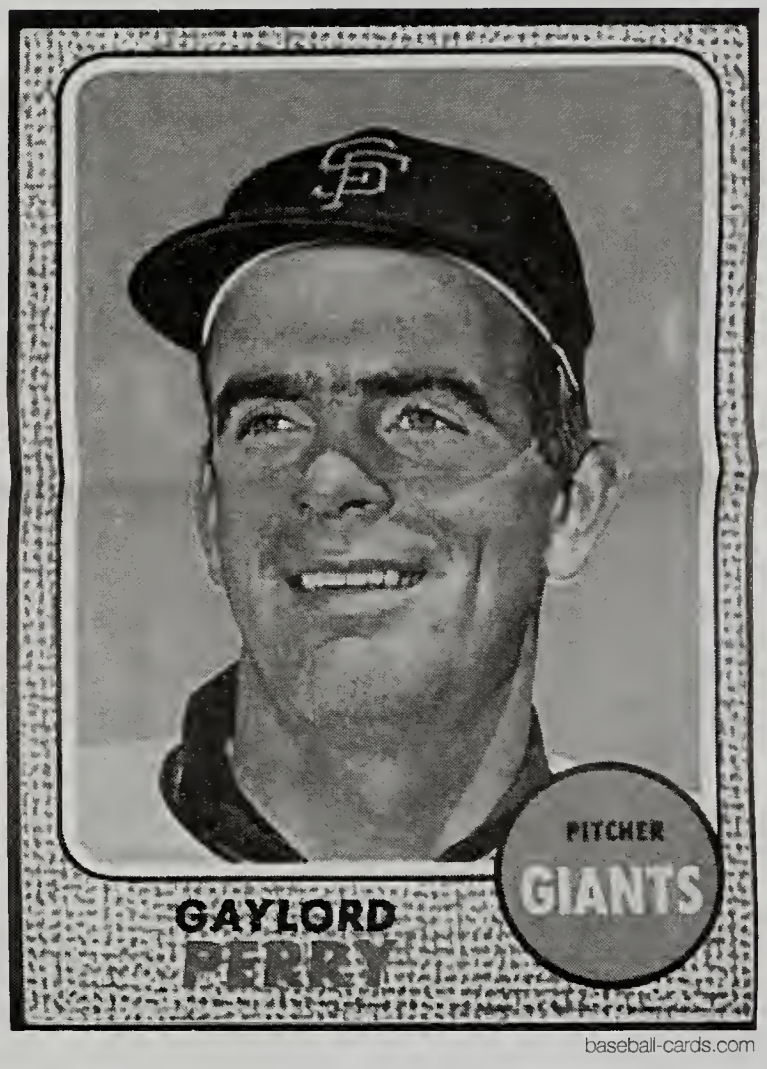
"In 1964, [Giants manager] Alvin [Dark] said there'll be a man on the moon before he hits a homerun. 1969, I'm on the mound at Candlestick Park. We had a moment of silence because man had landed on the moon. Bottom of that inning, I hit my first homerun."

He had high praise for the Giants winning the World Series in 2010 and 2012, describing two titles in three years as "unreal." He also commented on how being a starting pitcher has changed since he played.

"Today, you throw five or six innings, you call it a quality start," he said. "When I played, you'd be going back to the minors. You had to complete more of your games."

Perry briefly addressed the Baseball Hall of Fame voting results released that same day, in which alleged steroid users like Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens were excluded from the ballot.

"Some people are going to have trouble getting in," Perry said. "It's going to be long couple of years for the Hall of Fame."



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Upcoming basketball games

Men's basketball

Jan. 16 , 7:00 p.m.
Calumet St. Joseph @ home

Jan. 19, 3:00 p.m.
Judson @ Judson

Jan. 23, 7:00 p.m.
Purdue North Central @ home

Jan. 26, 3:00 p.m.
St. Francis (Ill.) @ St. Francis

Women's basketball

Jan. 16 , 5:00 p.m.
Calumet St. Joseph @ home

Jan. 19, 1:00 p.m.
Judson @ Judson

Jan. 23
No basketball game

Jan. 26, 1:00 p.m.
St. Francis (Ill.) @ St. Francis

PUC introduces coaches for new sports programs

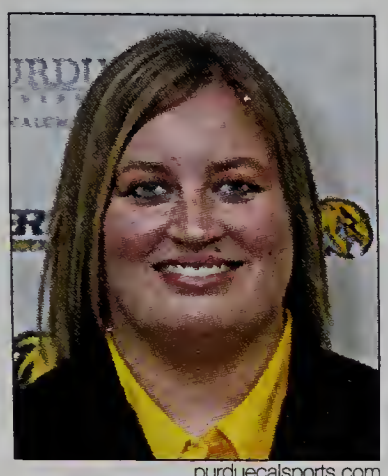
Richard Chambers
Chronicle Correspondent

PUC introduced the head coaches of its new baseball and softball programs on Jan. 9. Coaching the Men's Baseball team will be David Griffin, and leading the Women's Softball team will be Heather Tarter.

Previously, Griffin coached high school baseball at the Bishop Noll Institute, where he led the team to a state championship in 2004. In the same year, he was also named the Indiana High School Athletic Association's Coach of the Year. Tarter worked as an assistant coach at Parkland College for four years. During that time, Parkland College won three Region 24 championships in the National Junior College Athletic Association.

With the teams set to take the field in spring 2014, Griffin and Tarter discussed plans to recruit a strong team of players.

Griffin and Tarter plan to spend this year attracting players and establishing a schedule to play other teams. Griffin said his program is looking into the possibility of playing against institutions such as Judson University, Purdue North Central and Holy Cross College.



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Heather Tarter, PUC women's softball coach

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David Griffin, PUC men's softball coach

"You don't want to get those kids who just want to play 25 games and they're done," Griffin said, expressing the need to find players with leadership abilities and commitment.

Tarter said forming PUC's first softball team would be exciting, but also challenging. She is looking for the right players to give her team a strong start.

"I think that's going to be the biggest challenge, getting that core group of players," she said.

Griffin also said he saw good opportunities to recruit a strong team from in and around PUC.

"There are some kids who come here who were pretty good baseball players," he said.

PUC Director of Athletics, Rick Costello, said local people have shown interest in PUC programs for these two sports.

"There's a very strong baseball-softball tradition in this area."

The addition of baseball and softball brings PUC up to 12 sports programs. Costello noted that a strong athletics program can be helpful in attracting students.

"Enrollment, engagement and spirit and pride are important for the university," Costello said.

Men's basketball driving to conference tournament

Julie Sipek
Staff Writer

The PUC men's basketball team started the new year out right by continuing their winning streak and adding on to what has already been a successful season.

The start of the Peregrines' 2012-2013 season has been quite different than the team's past outings. In the first 20 games of this season, the team has achieved a record of 10-10, a huge step in the right direction for a team that began last three seasons at 5-15, 8-12 and 5-15 again. The men also enjoyed a five-game winning streak this season, their longest in the past four years.

To get to this point, the team has had to make several adjustments from years past. One of these changes has been the addition of a junior varsity squad. This addition has bumped the roster from 11 to 23 players, giving head coach Dan Voudrie many more line-up combinations and making the players work harder.

"We have more guys on the team, which gives us more competition in practice and really gets people to bring it every day," senior Trent Tucker said. "If not, there will be someone who can take your minutes."

Another success the team has boasted this season is strong senior leadership. The group's five seniors: Tucker, Andrew Anderson, Leroy Cooper, Martel Jackson and Kedric Williams have been a driving force on and off the court, motivating the rest of the team.

"With Andy, Leroy, Trent, Martel and myself, we are trying to lead our team in the right direction with our experience and leadership," Williams said.

Coming into winter break, the Peregrines struggled to get the ball rolling. They suffered consecutive losses to Holy Cross and Indiana University-South Bend.

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The Peregrines will next take the court Jan. 16 against Calumet St. Joseph.

Hall of Fame pitcher visits Region

Bill Koester
Sports Editor

Baseball might be far from the minds of Northwest Indiana sports fans in the middle of winter, but when a Hall of Fame pitcher comes around, they still come out in droves.

Gaylord Perry was the guest speaker at the Gary Old Timers Athletic Association's annual banquet on Jan. 9. Hundreds filled Hobart's Avalon manor to see the legend and get autographs.

A native of North Carolina, Perry played for eight teams from 1962 to 1983, and is best remember as a San Francisco Giant. His career achievements include 314 wins, 3,534 strikeouts, and two Cy Young Awards. Despite these stats, however, Perry is most remembered for doctoring the ball with various substances.

When asked what his favorite pitch was, he smiled and replied, "The one that got'em out." Perry played coy with fans asking about his spitball, but never denied doctoring pitches. In fact, he related a story about asking the makers of Vaseline to do a commercial for their product, which they declined.

Other stories included humorous accounts playing against legends such as Reggie Jackson and Sandy Koufax. He also spoke highly of his Hall of Fame teammates Juan Marichal, Willie McCovey and Willie Mays, who Perry described as the best player he ever saw.

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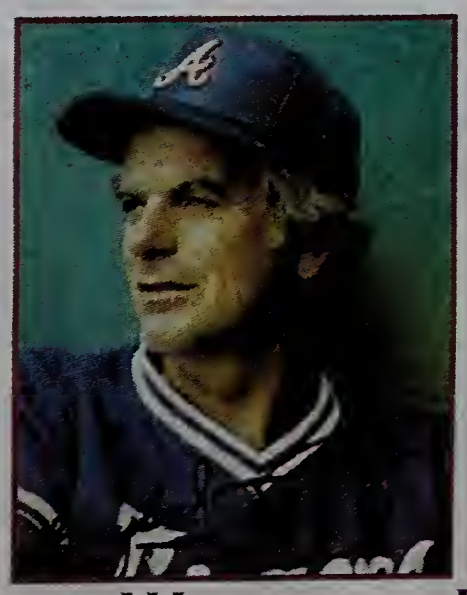

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